

COUNCIL ON MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS

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MINUTES

March 21st, 2012

LOCATION: Embassy Suites, Seaside, CA

IN ATTENDANCE ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Council Members

Dave Lehman, Chief Probation Officer (Retired)

James W. Sweeney, J.D., Principal, James W. Sweeney & Associates

IN ATTENDANCE AT EMBASSY SUITES:

Council Members

The Honorable Stephen V. Manley, Santa Clara Superior Court Judge

Charles L. Walters, Ph.D., Law Enforcement Consultant, Orange County

Dave Meyer, J.D., USC Institute of Psychiatry, Law and Behavioral Science

Dr. Glenn Hammel, Ph.D.

Interested Parties

Mark Grabau, DMH/FMHAC

Molly Willenbring – FMHAC

Susan Kole – Corrections Mental Health, San Mateo

Jack Mitchell – Janssen

George McNeely – Janssen

Megan Kain – PsyD Antioch University, Santa Barbara

Rodrigo Diaz – PsyD Antioch University, Santa Barbara

Cameron Zeidler – PsyD Antioch University, Santa Barbara

Kevin Rice – Liberty Healthcare ROC Program

Ken Carabello – Liberty Healthcare ROC Program

Bryan Powell – Walden House Psychologist; CDCR Contractor

Karen Moen – AOC

Tina Hartmann – Sunovion Pharmaceuticals

CDCR Staff

Diana Toche, CDCR, Director (A), DCHCS

Julia Rodden, CDCR, DCHCS, Office of Strategic Management

Thomas L. Gilevich, Assistant Chief Counsel, CDCR, Office of Legal Affairs

ABSENT:

Council Members

Jon DeMorales, Executive Director, Atascadero State Hospital (Retired)

Matt Cate, Secretary, CDCR (Chairperson)

Cliff Allenby, Acting Director, California Department of Mental Health

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Introduction/Welcome – Chair

The meeting was called to order at 11:00a.m. Introductions and welcoming was done by Thomas Gilevich as Matt Cate was not in attendance. Thomas Gilevich facilitated the meeting on Secretary Cate's behalf. Dr. Hammel introduced himself and was welcomed to the Council.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Adoption of Minutes (January 19th, 2012)

Minutes from the January 19th meeting were reviewed and adopted at the end of the meeting when a quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Old Business

a) Best Practices

Awards will be presented by David Meyer at the FMHAC reception at 7:00.

b) Update Status of MOU/Agreement with FMHAC

Charles Walters gave a few examples of funding opportunities, SAMSA and Second Chance Funding. There was not a quorum present at the time, the Council decided to wait until the MOU is finalized and approved to move forward. In the meantime, funding opportunities will be investigated. Tom Gilevich will check availability of staff. A special meeting will be held April 26th at noon to finalize MOU when Secretary Cate is available.

c) Update on Council Membership

Tom Gilevich will contact the Governor's office to find out if Jon DeMorales has retired from COMIO as well as DMH. Letters have been sent to the appointing powers about the vacant positions.

d) Annual Report

The Annual Report has been distributed to Legislature and the Governor's office.

e) Vice Chairperson Confirmed (Allenby)

At the January meeting, Acting Director Allenby indicated that given changes in DMH, he was not certain the director of DMH should always be Vice Chair. Defer to next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – New Business

a. Update on Texas Organization

There has not been any contact with the Texas Council on Mental Disabilities. They presented at a COMIO meeting in 2002. James Sweeney would like to have a presentation from them again so that newer Council members can experience. Since 2002 the Texas Council on Mental Disabilities has suffered significant changes. David Meyer will make contact.

b. Community Comment

None

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Standing Agenda items

a. Realignment and AB109: County/CDCR Coordination

- Need to focus in, there are real concerns about mentally ill offenders and ongoing treatment. The focus on realignment had been primarily on individuals being released and being supervised by probation officers and going back to jails rather than prisons. There was a transfer of funding down to counties to address challenges. At the same time there was a dramatic change on how judges must sentence. They now either give a straight sentence or split sentence. We are going to have more mentally ill offenders at the local level. Folks who need treatment need to be somewhere that treatment is provided.
- Lanterman Petris Short Reform Task Force report, March 2012 identifies elements in LPS acts that a variety of people involved in Mental Health in California, identified to address needed changes in LPS act. They are seeking Legislative sponsorship to implement some of these recommendations. Tom Gilevich will arrange a presentation and it will be added to our next agenda.
- Mr. Sweeney would like a report on what happened in terms of the riot at SAC on 12/7/2011 regarding Mental Health issues. This will be added to next agenda.

Action items

Action item	Responsible Party
Add Vice Chair to May agenda	Julia Rodden
Add LPS report to May agenda – New Business	Julia Rodden
Review MOU	Matt Cate/Tom Gilevich
Contact Texas Council on Mental Disabilities	David Meyer